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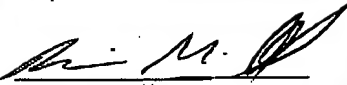
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Office Action, Paper No. 13, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 20, 2001, for which the period of response is set to expire on June 20, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and response.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows, without prejudice. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, attached to the end of this Amendment and Response is a marked up version of the amended items showing all changes relative to the previous version.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Three times amended) A sample vial for use in an automated test apparatus, the sample vial comprising:
- a body comprising an outer surface, an open end, a closed end, and at least one anti-rotation lug about said body outer surface;

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